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DIARY NOTES

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1. At the Senior Staff Meeting:

a. General Carter announced that the Agency had done a superb job in every respect in the Vietnam situation and that no one in the Agency should have any contrary feelings notwithstanding the adverse publicity we are now getting, which is unfair, unjust, and, in fact, political.

b. General Carter also gave the Midcareer Course a big plug and said that he did not want any of the senior people scheduled to participate in this course to cancel out without his or the Director's permission.

2. I conferred with Bob Bannerman and asked him to redo the polygraph paper and, if possible, to return it to me sometime tomorrow. It needed a very substantial editing job.

3. Again this morning GSA repairmen were working on the private elevator and failed to put an "Out of Order" sign plainly visible for everyone to see. General Carter was delayed and upset by this negligence. The Director was also very unhappy about the kind and quality of seat belts put in his Cadillac. I talked to [REDACTED] about both of these situations and have been assured that they have been corrected. 25X1A9a

4. At 1615 hours today we conducted an unannounced fire drill. It appeared to go very well, with the building being completely evacuated in approximately eighteen minutes. (The Office of Security will render a written report.)

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5. At the Executive Committee Meeting this morning, the Director said that a long telegram of policy went to Saigon over the weekend. (I later borrowed a copy of this and returned it to [REDACTED]. The gist of it was that we should suspend some of our assistance to Vietnam but, at the same time, be prepared to reinstate it on a full scale if, in fact, they do make amends in accordance with our policy suggestions. The Director also said that [REDACTED] was back but was being kept in a safehouse at the moment to stay away from reporters. 25X1A9a

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6. Emmett Echols reported that he will see Miss [REDACTED] this morning and will report the results of the meeting to me. 25X1A9a

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